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**MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD**

**SUBJECT: Meeting with DDCI and Ex/Dir-Comptroller on  
OLC Matters**

1. Today I met with Admiral Taylor and Colonel White for the weekly discussion of OLC matters.
2. I reported on follow up actions in response to questions raised at the 17 May briefing of the CIA House Appropriations Subcommittee on the Agency budget:
  - a. a paper has been prepared by OPPB regarding "full time equivalent" contract personnel in Southeast Asia. After signature by Colonel White, it will be delivered to Representative Lipscomb, of the Subcommittee, and Mr. Michaels, of the Subcommittee staff.
  - b. OPPB is preparing a response in consultation with Mr. Brammell to explain the interdepartmental contributions to the NIS program.
  - c. Upon returning from his present TDY, the DD/S&T will brief Mr. Lipscomb on external research projects.
3. I noted the possibility that the Agency might be called upon in connection with Senator Inouye's Subcommittee on Deserters. It was agreed that in response to questions on this subject we should explain that primary responsibility in the field lies with the appropriate U. S. Consulate  closely with the

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4. It was recalled that William Darden, Senate Armed Services Committee staff, had spoken of a possible early meeting of the Agency Subcommittee of Armed Services, and that the Chairman might want to limit the attendance at this session.

5. I reported on action taken in response to the request of Chairman Rivers, House Armed Services Committee, for material regarding the cancellation of OXCART.

6. I also mentioned the request Chairman Rivers for our comment on two press items: the William J. Lederer article in the Saturday Evening Post about graft and corruption in Vietnam, and the David Kraslow article in the Philadelphia Inquirer about differences between the Agency and Department of Defense estimates of enemy strength in Vietnam. I explained we were drafting a letter for the Director's signature in response to these queries.

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8. Regarding pending legislation:

a. H.R. 15414 (Revenue and Expenditure Control Act of 1968) - I explained that: (1) the Conference Committee is having difficulty drafting the technical language to carry out the summary report; (2) vote on the expenditure cut only is scheduled for Wednesday, 29 May; (3) vote on the Conference report (whether a \$6 billion or \$4 billion cut) is scheduled for mid-June.

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b. S. 1035 (Constitutional Rights of Federal Employees) - I said that there had been some pressure on the Manpower Subcommittee concerning the question of exemptions of CIA, NSA and FBI; and that Charles Johnson, Chief Counsel and Staff Director of the House Post Office and Civil Service Committee, thought that as soon as the hearings were actually scheduled it might be desirable for an Agency representative to meet informally with Representatives Henderson and Gross to review the problem.

c. H. R. 13705 (Cost-of-Living Adjustments for Retirees)- I said that Mr. Kelleher, House Armed Services Committee staff, was carrying the ball, and advised that our presentation before the Committee should be geared to cover either new legislation or an amendment to the old H. R. 13705. I said that hearings might come up any time after 3 June.

d. S. 917 (Omnibus Crime Bill) - I explained that we had discussed the problem of an Agency exemption to the wiretap provisions with Representative Poff, and had given him an aide-memoire detailing our interests. I said that Poff had promised to push for language which would permit audio operations in order to obtain any intelligence affecting the national security, as well as strictly CE information.

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